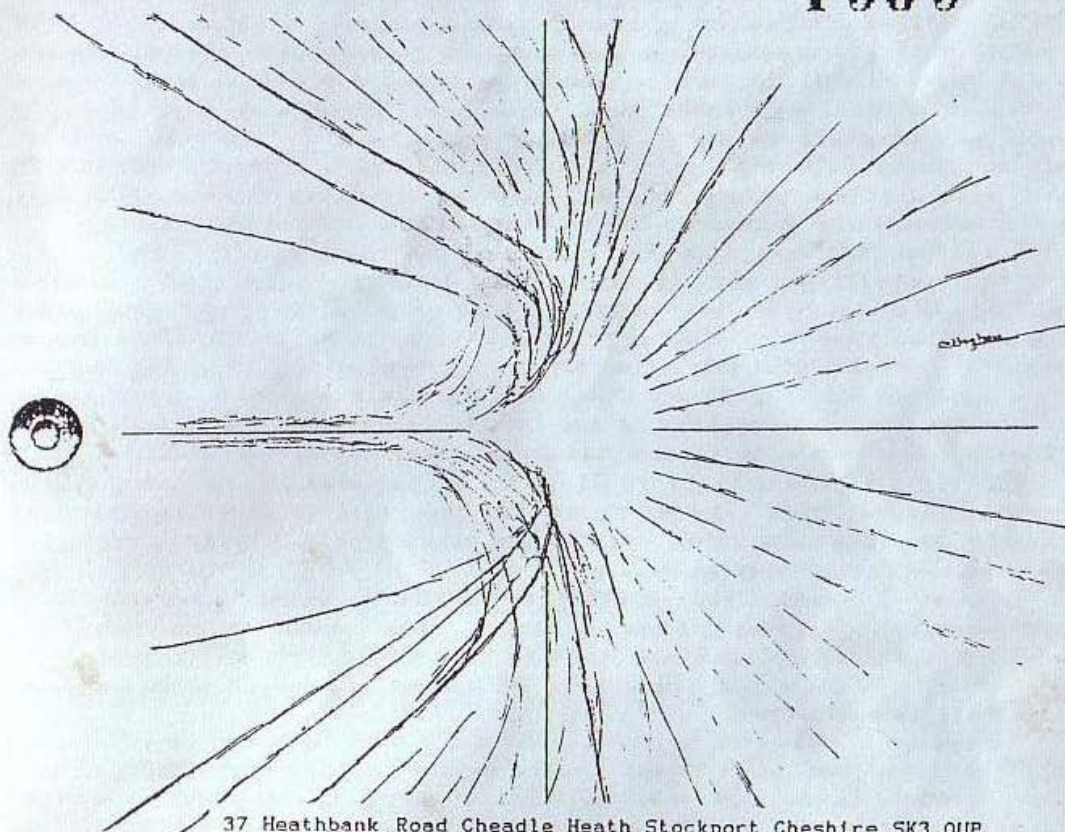


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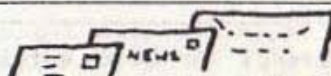
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NEWS ROUND UP:

:: It's welcome back to some old faces in the Yorkshire Dales - including Nigel Mortimer, who has been absent too long from these pages. One of his first new investigations is in this issue care of a new group - called CONNECT (see back page). Incidentally, we are promised some interesting news on the infamous Cracoe Fell affair next issue - so stay tuned.

:: Gordon Millington of the Open University UFO group - which organised the first rather successful weekend conference in South Wales this October tells me that "I have analysed 53 (CE 3 and CE 4) cases from the literature and found that NONE of them occurred on a Saturday - obviously the UFO-naut's day off" (they probably need all day to travel to the Zeta Reticulli Wanderers home matches - JR)... For the record, Gordon's figures show Mon (5), Tue (10), Wed (10), Thur (12), Fri (9) - Sat (zip) & Sun (7).

:: Thanks to Kevin McClure (apparently one of the select few in Britain who get sent the freebie US mag entitled 'Saucer Smear'). I've only seen it occasionally and Kevin says it has become "quite civilised" of late. This issue comments on my book "Alien Abductions: The Mystery Solved" (which not surprisingly Kevin did not recognise as plain old Abduction wearing its American ten-gallon hat and buckskins for 'sales promotion' reasons - and to heck with the trades descriptions act!) Mind you, I am not sure I would have recognised it either. The blurb says that I claim "alien beings (are) increasing the number of abductions of humans..." And here was I thinking I was writing about reports of what I suggested are triggered hallucinations

:: I don't usually carry adverts in NUN - only in special circumstances or deserving cases. Mr and Mrs Mair (1 Longbridge Court St Mary Street Risca Gwent NP1 6HE... Tel: 063-360-1084) desperately need a copy of Budd Hopkin's first book "Missing Time" (Merak - 1982). This was never published in the UK and none of the UFO booksellers here (Specialist Knowledge in Frome - Lionel Beer at Freshwater Court, London) seem to have it. They are willing to "pay any charges" even just to loan it - so if you can help out do get in touch because they are a very nice couple who need a hand.

:: Finally, advance warning of two conferences. The next BUFORA 'do' will be in July 1991 (plenty of time to start saving for that ... although forces are massing to try to persuade them that Sheffield should be the venue... If you agree then bombard BUFORA council with suggestions ... printable ones!

A little nearer than that (time-wise if not space-wise) is the fourth 'Rencontres de Lyon' - a sort of UFological Allo! Allo! meets Wish You Were Here 'en France'. Seriously, it is the top French conference - attracts speakers from the USA more than many British equivalents and has that peculiar Frenchness too. Language is French - but many people there speak English and the scenery is a bit better than Sheffield (or Stockport, for that matter - which is now on a downward spiral as they currently start to film scenes for 'Neighbours' in our town - with Derek Nimmo, as a 'typical' resident... 'nuff said...) Anyhow - the Lyon conference is the weekend of 28 - 30 April 1991 - so why not plan your hols to coincide (c/o AESV PO BOX 324 13611 Aix Cedex 1 France)

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Major articles elsewhere



J. of. Meteorology (£45 for 12, 54 Frome Rd Bradford on Avon Wilts BA15 1LD) Thought I would mention Dr Terence Meaden's J. Met as readers will become increasingly aware of the relevance of his vortex work to UFOlogy. To show the range of this (expensive) publication... Oct - Steuart Campbell on an explanation for the 1917 Fatima 'UFO' Miracle and an extensive discussion of 'Circular Evidence' by Dr Meaden... Nov - Most notable for discussion of the 'Mowing Devil' story - the biggest breakthrough in Circles research this summer - what appears to be a circles report documented in 1678 !

Folklore Frontiers (£4, for 4, 5 Egton Dr Seaton Carew Hartlepool TS25 2AT) Some wonderful enquiries into folk legends - including David Taylor on MIBs and Nigel Watson on 'green monsters'.

MUFON Journal (\$30. for 12, 103 Oldtowne Rd Seguin Texas 78159-4099 USA) Sep and Oct issues have a two part look at a fascinating "UFO crash" case at Kecksburg, Pennsylvania - meteor or what?... Also, showing I am not alone in upsetting American UFOlogy, John Spencer has a two-part publication of his July lecture to the BUFORA congress about witness-led abduction research, which (we are told) provoked "vigorous" reaction. Sounds familiar.

Orbiter Sep/Oct 1989 (\$25, for 6, 43 Harrison St Reading MA 01867 USA) Always worth a read this magazine - it has some very forthright views on MJ-12, which I would not advise the editors to repeat to the press.

OVNI Presence 42 (FF 140, for 4, BP 324 13611 Aix-en-Provence France) The most interesting French language read that comes our way. If you can decipher it then its good stuff. This issue is an RPV (Remotely Piloted Vehicle) special, with reviews and photos of what's available world-wide.

BOOKS OF THE MOMENT

Not much worthwhile to report this issue (although Tim Good's new book is around - which wasn't sent for review, so hasn't been!)

A few bits and pieces to comment on then. Robert Moore (83 Church Rd East Huntspill Highbridge Somerset TA9 3NG) has sent a copy of a 16pp publication called UFOREN (available for just SAE?) Stands for UFO Research Notation and is a very complex system of abstracting and coding cases. Quite possibly this will prove of use to our increasingly computerised age, but I must admit it takes me all my time to key in words let alone data into my (unfriendly) machine. However, if you see the importance of this for UFOlogy then you will doubtless be able to benefit from UFOREN.

Two Italian publications to note start with Maurizio Verga's wonderful 260 page ITACAT (Italian Close Encounters). A great collection - and if you can read Italian quite fascinating I am sure (price unknown from CISU Casella postale 82 10100 Torino Italy)

Then there is Paolo Toselli's "UFOs in Advertising" (a 12 page summary in English of uses of the UFO myth to promote goods. He misses out my favourite - the UK TV campaign for MACE superstores a couple of years back where an alien came from 'Outa Mace'...when the ad's use of the name Jenny was - of course - entirely coincidental. Paolo wants anyone interested to send him details of ads (TV, newspapers etc) using UFOs to expand his catalogue; although I am not totally sure to what end. His address is:-

Vicolo Jacopo dal Verme 7 I-15100 Alessandria Italy

Books that I know about due for early 1990 release are Jan - John Spencer (McDonald - UK) - 'Perspectives'...Feb - Jacques Vallee (US) - 'Confrontations'...Mar - The Gulf Breeze case (Morrow - USA)...Jenny Randles (Aquarian - UK) - 'Mind Monsters'...Jun - Peter Hough and Jenny Randles (McDonald -UK) - 'Scary Stories'...Jul - David Clarke and Andy Roberts (Hale - UK) - 'Phantoms of the skies'

UPDATES:

More news on Voronezh. The local police lieutenant (Sergei Matveyev) now claims (according to the New York Times) that he did not see aliens but did see the UFO as "certainly a body flying in the sky...moving noiselessly at a very high speed and very low altitude".

The boys who had the close encounter are named Vasya Surin, Zhenya Blinov and Yuliya Sholokhova. It was warm on the evening of 27 September when they saw "a pink shining in the sky and then spotted a ball of deep red...a hatch opened in the lower part of the ball". The entity was stood there with silver overalls, bronze boots and a disk on his chest. He returned outside with a robot!

Allegedly "the aliens seemed to communicate with each other, producing the mysterious appearance of a shining triangle and activated the robot with a touch and another alien fired "what looked like a gun - a tube two feet long" that made one 16-year old temporarily vanish. However, regional health director Vladimir Moiseyev told the paper that there was no panic - nobody appealed for medical help and "certainly we are not planning to examine the children".

But a guy called Larin (of the police?) said extra troops would be drafted into the area if the aliens returned. We are also assured that the children were isolated from one another but "all drew a banana-shaped object that left behind in the sky the sign of the letter X"...Holes in the ground were found by an investigator TASS sent to verify the tale. He describes them as "of a clear shape that resembled the footprints of an elephant"...We certainly don't seem much nearer sorting this one out!

MEDIA MATTERS:

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A look at UFOs in the public eye



My jovial comments about the Sunday Sport seem to have offended some people - so to redress the balance I can now attack BUFORA as well! Chairman Arnold West has now become the latest victim of the paper.

The story (15 Oct) is their boast that "We knew it all along" (ie the Voronezh report merely confirmed their endless series of tripey stories - now out in BOOK form as 'The best of Sunday Sport' - and bound to run 'The World's Greatest UFO Mysteries' close for the worst ever UFO title! Complete with a photo of a cloud (quote "Amazing photographic proof") and trash about ET eggs that are being incubated, Arnold for some reason backs them up with what are either incredibly silly quotes or misrepresentation that he should do something about right away... "Unidentifiable organic molecular matter has been found in rocks before... Of course, the Russians will never admit the significance of their find. Those rocks will probably never be seen again." Exclusive photos of the eggs are promised by the Sport (no doubt on April 1st next - if that coincides with easter).

There's been a lot of PR for the autumn conference line up (and sorry we did not promote the Blackpool event - but nobody told us about it until 3 weeks before it happened... although, had you tuned into UFO CALL phone 0898-12 18 86 anywhere in UK - the British Telecom updated UFO message and news service - then you wouldn't miss out on a thing.

One event that generated some interesting stories was the YUFOS affair in Ossett. This previewed the presentation of "a major UFO discovery in South Africa" Is apartheid an alien disinformation tactic? No - this was "evidence of a UFO being shot down by the South African air force (clearly they succeeded where others failed due to all the practice at shooting the South Africans must get - JR) and of the object and its inhabitants being taken to the US". The *Nottingham Evening Post* (23 Sept) cited the presenter of this data that it was "the most significant revelation in Britain in nearly 40 years".

Who is this man? His name is Dr Henry Azadehdel which you may recall care of a story the *Wakefield Express* reminded us about (22 Sep) in "Orchid smuggler in UFO event". Henry was the chap who earlier this year served part of a sentence (before being released on appeal) for admitting the smuggling of rare orchids in a widely publicised Old Bailey trial. Of course, as an unnamed spokesman for YUFOS quite rightly points out, this has nothing to do with his UFOlogy, does it? They "have dealt with Dr Azadehdel for a long time and he is widely acclaimed as a leading authority on UFOs".

A cautionary tale comes from the *Aberdeen Press and Journal* (3 Nov) which recalls a story in the press and TV exactly 25 years before (2 Nov 1964). This described a small black object buzzing and humming across a local beach. A quarter of a century on Norman Sim a director of an electrical engineering firm admitted it was his fault. He had been testing out a new rotating kite and when it was misperceived he let the stories simmer. Now he plans to fit lights and restore his 'UFO' to the skies.

To prove its not just the Sport who can tell them the *Daily Mirror* (12 Oct) treat us to "Is your best friend an alien?". This comes from "top UFOlogist Bertie Catchings" in UFO Universe - of the USA, where, quote "UFOs are big money" (don't all apply for a visa at once now!). He reports cases of aliens shopping in local supermarkets... adding that one Batley man will win £700,000 as soon as a UFO crashes on earth and a Yeti steps out.

But who can beat the *Hendon Times* (2 Nov)? They tell how the US Sun publish a claim (backed by "UFO experts") that aliens recently landed in what is ET sceptic John Spencer's home town of Barnet. Green gas shot out of the spaceship and "the bodies of drugged bowler-hatted business men littered the pavement". The hilarious quotes from a supposed upper class businessman (reading more like they are from Alf Garnett!) support the daft tale that an alien with pointy ears got out and "fiddled about". Naturally.

A RED-FACED BERRY?

Several readers have asked that I comment on recent articles in the *Telegraph* by nemesis Adrian Berry - 'science correspondent'. Read his performance on the Peter Day film in FIRE IN THE SKY and you'll get a gist.

On 11 Nov (in *Daily Telegraph*) he wrote "Tickled pink by an alien" - a supposed review of my book 'Abduction', which is shamelessly biased and grossly unfair to people named within. He chides me for not discussing the "obvious fact that people claiming to have been spacenapped are either lunatics or hoaxers or are of extremely low intelligence". I wrote a fact-packed refutation to the paper (which they neither published nor replied to - showing you - if you are one of their 1.1 million readers what they call integrity). I will say no more here because I have given the articles and a copy of my letter to Andy Roberts and (I hope) he will publish these very shortly in UFO BRIGANTIA. It is time that this pompous writer had the literary stuffing knocked out of him. And it is best done by a third party, since I write on UFOs (Berry says) in "such exhaustive and exhausting detail that one wishes she had found some other way to occupy her life".

Berry did not have the guts to comment on those hard facts in my letter, but eight days later was in the *Sunday Telegraph* reviewing Tim Good's book in equally arrogant tones. Of MJ-12 it is "a fact" that the Truman signature is "a proven forgery" (says who?) and of the Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge case that "The Daily Telegraph" had "discovered at the time... a naive American colonel" simply mistook "the rotating beam of a nearby lighthouse" that was "the right distance away". Oh yes?

There's more in this trash (which even the *Sunday Sport* will be hard to live up to). From a responsible newspaper it is a disgrace to the traditions of British journalism. Aside from the other 'errors' Berry says the Bentwaters case was in 1983 - the same year it was reported - which shows the extent of his brilliant investigation. He adds Ian Ridpath as saying that UFO mania is due to "a desire to believe in something, however stupid..." and "The answer is always said to be just around the corner, but it never comes. The reason is that UFOs do not exist."

There is truth for some parts of UFOlogy. But we have to stop such diabolical distortions which associate all of us with the lunatic fringe. It's a cop out. They know it's a cop out. Yet still too many so-called scientific commentators are allowed to get away with repeated untruths. Maybe we should have a concerted effort to do something about all this?

BRIEF CASES:

Some current investigations



CASE 7479	IUN	??? 1974	Blackley, Manchester	Philip Mantle	C3-3
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AL reports a semi-saucer at cloud height above his garden around 14.30 one sunny day. It was stationary for about 20 seconds before suddenly it "hopped" behind a white fluffy cloud and disappeared. No investigation of this case is possible given the lack of detail and an evaluation is frankly next to impossible to reach.

CASE 75-169 BUFORA May 1975 Lancaster, Lancashire

D5-8

A new member reports how (aged 11) he and many other children and two teachers at Ryelands Park saw a grey-silver disc in the sky about 14.30. It was a sunny day and the object was stationary for 20 seconds before tilting slightly, reflecting the sun like a mirror and disappearing. The teachers called the police but nothing ever resulted.

The similarity with the previous case is remarkable and it should be recalled that weather balloons can reflect sunlight and appear not unlike what we have in both stories.

In January 1989 (now making TV commercials) finished filming at 02.00 in the Cheetham Hill area of Manchester (near Blackley - see above). With an assistant he saw a rapidly moving light "glowing purple with an orange centre, or vice versa". He thought of a meteor, but this was BENEATH broken cloud. Possibly a UAP or rare phenomenon such as ball lightning?

CASE 8262 MUFORA Spring 1982 Stretford, Manchester

B4-6

To complete the trilogy here is another daylight (09.00) case of a slate grey disc. This witness, AH, was with two other young men - one of whom can't be interviewed - the other had to be prompted by AH to even recall it - but is (AH says) "a superior sighting of a UFO". Judge for yourselves.

The disc glided very slowly along and flew away in the direction of Sale or Altrincham. It seemed to vanish very suddenly at the end of all this and the witness is of the opinion this was 'odd' and has even hinted at a possible time lapse, which MUFORA has declined to follow



up. AH adds that he is "guttled" about the failure of his colleagues to support him very much and admits that he had been locked out after staying up the night before 'on the booze'. He has since viewed UFO books and seen photos of the McMinnville object. He says that they saw this object both from the underside and side and it was "the exact same thing - I mean spot on exact". He does come over as sincere and gives a "solemn oath that it is true". As with all similar stories - it may be, but remains just a story.

CASE 8551 NUFORC January 1985 Higham Ferrers, Northants Still/Shaw A5-5

Yet another classic case of that 'something' (possibly a secret military airship) that is flying about Britain provoking diamond UFOs. Compare this one with the case at Brierfield, Lancashire, also in January 1985 - or the South Wales sightings in January 1983. Here Mr K was

driving home at 01.30 on the A45 when humming sounds appeared. Thinking it was the car he stopped but the noise persisted. Above was the diamond UFO from which the sound emerged. It hovered for a few seconds and then moved away towards Rushden. The RAF Alconbury base (supposed home of USAF Stealth aircraft) is not very far from here.



CASE 8839 MUFORA 13 July 1988 Warrington, Cheshire Roy Sandbach B4-5

This lady is a very elderly widow from Grappenhall who saw the through her bedroom window at 03.30 a formation of white, red and green lights gliding over rooftops. Presently another one flew past going the other way.

There seems nothing about these lights that cannot be attributed to aircraft circling to land at Manchester Airport with engines throttled back for night flying and with busy summer holiday traffic causing holding pattern delays. The witness is willing to accept unusual aircraft, but there is no need as normal night traffic often holds over this area.

CASE 8840 IUN 12 September 1988 Wellingborough, Northants C2-2

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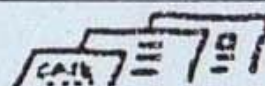
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CASE 8909 PARASEARCH 20 June 1989 Weston-under-Penyard, Hereford D3-3

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CASE 8912 MUFORA 25 July 1989 Mansfield/Nottingham Jenny Randles C5-8

These two INDEPENDENT stories come from the same area where just a few days before a crop circle was discovered (see Aug NUN). At Langwith (about 3 miles north of the site - and beside the River Meden!) an "object like a shooting star" was seen at 23.00. It seems to have been just a white light. The other report is more detailed and comes from Hyson Green in Nottingham where a computer graphics designer and his girlfriend were in the garden on this warm night watching several 'moving stars' (which they took to be satellites) Time 22.25 and 23.00. They also saw an aircraft and some birds fluttering orange as they reflected streetlamps - so the thing they spotted at 23.00 was recognised as strange. It was just a "dull metal in colour" and an ellipse but created a distinct impression of being solid. They have tried to think of a solution, without coming up with one. And if we assume they are correct to rule out a plane no solution is obvious.

CASE HISTORIES

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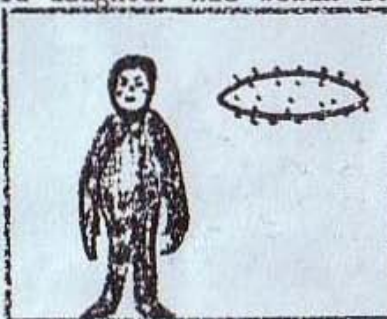
Connect Report by Nigel Mortimer

As Nigel says this case is interesting because it comes from a true 'hot spot' where other entity reports have stemmed. This is the Wharfedale village of Addingham, West Yorkshire (see EARTHLIGHTS REVELATION for a photo case from here). Another bedroom visitor story has come from the area too.

On 15 July 1989 Mr M was up on Ilkley Moor (scene of the infamous photograph of a little green man). It was the middle of the night. The reasons for this CONNECT cannot reveal at this time. However, at 03.15 he returned to his village and went to bed. Whilst still sleeping his wife got up to go to the shops and met a neighbour who lived opposite (Mr S) who reported that at 03.30 that same morning his mother had awoken on hearing a loud noise. Outside was a 'fantastic sight' which both he and she saw. A metallic oval studded in red, green and white lights was low over Beamsley Beacon north of the village. It made a loud noise "like a vacuum cleaner" and glided away very slowly looking like just a row of lights in the distance. This is a flightpath for aircraft into Leeds-Bradford airport.

However, David Barclay of the IUN was investigating a sighting at 02.45 same morning of a "rugby ball" seen travelling south from the Harrogate area (a path that might have taken it over Ilkley Moor a few miles south). He had checked the airport and they had no traffic.

Meanwhile back to Mr M's family. His 6 year old daughter had woken at 03.15 and through a half opened bedroom door saw a human-like figure climbing the stairs. At the top it stopped and then just vanished. She fell back to sleep and next day had forgotten all about this. At 19.00 two days later (17 July) it all happened for a second time. The figure was still this time for a period of about 35 seconds and she now recalled the details of both events. She describes the two beings as similar; although the first was a man and the second a woman. They were "fight creatures" (ie none too friendly looking - with 'angry eyes' - the male) and just 5 feet tall with grim features and puffed out cheeks (male). Their arms were long and thin and face white. The female even seemed to wear pink lipstick! They wore one piece black 'tracksuits' (making the woman look like Anneka Rice - the girl reported!). The suit covered the hands, legs and feet.



Mrs M also remembered during investigation that in 1983 she had very briefly seen a man in 'dark clothing' at the front window. Then he vanished. Around the time they were plagued by phone calls with nobody there except a strange mechanical bleep.

CONNECT point out that these events may be unrelated but there are obvious similarities here with other cases in the UFO records. John Keel's books are full of them and ALIEN CONTACT describes many episodes like these. It is also worth noting that this young girl did not term the figures as aliens, but as ghosts... begging many questions.

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